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Application No. 09/868,043

Further to Applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed on February 9, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Siew for the kind and courteous interview conducted with Applicants' representative on April 28, 2004. During this interview, the Examiner suggested amending the claims, in order to improve clarity and to correct typographical and clerical errors. The amendment enclosed herewith reflects the content of this discussion.

Claims 1-26 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 27-29, 31, 35, 45, and 52-53 are currently amended.

Claims 30, 32-34, 36-44, 46-51, and 54 are previously presented.

Claim 55 is added. Support for new claim 55 is found in previously presented claim 53.

The claims have been amended to improve readability and to correct minor typographical/clerical errors.

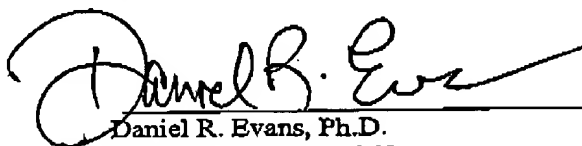
The amendments to the claims and new claim are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 27-55 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable indication is earnestly solicited.

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